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### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-85 are in this application. Claims 61-76, 78-82 and 84 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102. Claims 77, 83 and 84 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103. Claim 85 has been objected to.

By this amendment, Claim 80 has been amended to include the recitations of now canceled Claim 85. No new matter has been added. Claims 61-79 have been canceled. Claims 80-84 appear in the case

### **Amendments to the Claims**

Applicant has canceled claims 61-79. Applicant has amended claim 80 by including the limitations of claim 85, dependent therefrom. Consequently, claim 85 has been canceled.

Applicant reserves the right to claim the subject matter claimed in canceled claims in continuing applications.

The claims before the Examiner relate to a method of making a stent assembly comprising: a) providing a stent including at least two cover connectors associated with the stent body, each cover connector including at least two penetrating element; b) contacting a sheet of material with the surface of the stent body so that a first edge of the sheet is in proximity of a second edge of the sheet so as to form a substantially tubular stent cover; and c) piercing the sheet with the penetrating elements so that the penetrating elements penetrate through the sheet so as to secure the sheet to the stent

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wherein the sheet is rolled up so that the first edge of the sheet substantially abuts the second edge of the sheet, and wherein the piercing causes a first penetrating element of each of the two cover connectors to penetrate through the sheet in proximity of the first edge and a second penetrating element of each of the two cover connectors to penetrate through the sheet in proximity of the second edge.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner has objected to claim 85 as being dependent on rejected base claim 80, but has stated that the subject matter of claim 85 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

While traversing all rejections in this application, Applicant, in the interest of obtaining a prompt allowance, has canceled all the rejected claims and has amended claim 80 to include all the limitations of claim 85, rendering claim 80 allowable.

Applicant respectfully urges that claims 80-84 are in allowable condition, and respectfully requests that an early Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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**Enclosures:**

- Petition for Extension (1 Month)